

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

For

Havasu National Wildlife Refuge Feral Hog Management Plan
Havasu National Wildlife Refuge
Topock, Arizona

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) proposes to implement control of feral hogs to allow recovery of the fragile desert ecosystem and the endangered species within the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge. The plan is a combination of methods. These methods will vary depending on combination of methods. These methods will require funds, as well as the number of hogs and where the funds, as well as the number of hogs could include the use of fencing, traps, snares, organized hunts, and take by Refuge employees.

The choice to implement several methods is due to the fact that each method has strengths and weaknesses. Trapping for instance, when sources are scarce and the feral hogs are stressed from the heat. In the winter when sources are plentiful and the hogs expand their territories, an organized hunt may be more effective.

These methods would comply with the Refuge's current land management practices to preserve native wildlife resources to assure the preservation of native plants and animals. These methods would also support our goal of eliminating and thereby minimizing their impact on endangered species and crop fields, and other Refuge infrastructure.